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TODAY'S WEATHER: Light variable winds; fine; hazy.
Noon Observations: Barometric pressure, 1017.0 mb, 30.03 in.
Temperature, 74.1 deg. F. Dew point, 60 deg. F. Relative humidity, 61.
Wind direction, Southeast. Wind force, 4 knots.
High water, 6 ft. 9 in. at 7:01 p.m. Low water, 2 ft. 4 in. at
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Royal Baby "Angelie"

Belfast, Dec. 12.—The first public description of Princess Elizabeth's son was given tonight by Countess Granville, wife of the Earl of Granville, Governor of Northern Ireland, and sister of Queen Elizabeth.

She said: "He couldn't be more angelic looking", and added that the baby was golden-haired with a most beautiful complexion, and had "amazingly delicate features for so young a baby".—Reuter.

TWO KILLED IN CRASH

Twenty Passengers Escape Injury.

Shanghai, Dec. 13.—A CNAC DC-3 transport plane crashed near Taipeh, Formosa, on Sunday morning in thick weather, killing the pilot and co-pilot.

Three persons were seriously injured, but 18 others aboard the plane were reported to have escaped injury.

The plane was enroute from Shanghai to Taipeh in thick weather. It presumably crashed after exhausting its gasoline supply, trying to find Taipeh aerodrome.

The report here said the flight operator and two passengers were seriously injured. The remainder of the 20 passengers all reportedly escaped injury. All were understood to be Chinese.—Associated Press.

Thames Collision

London, Dec. 12.—Lloyds' Intelligence reported today that the Swedish liner, *Sucia* (7,210 tons) collided with the 2,800 tons British collier *Cermit* when leaving Tilbury Docks last evening for Gothenburg, but was able to continue her voyage.

The bulwarks on the starboard side of the *Sucia* were damaged, the report added. The *Cermit* was able to proceed up the river Thames on her journey from Blyth, Northumberland. It was not known whether she was damaged.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

Can The Reds Govern?

THE two-day House of Commons debate on British foreign policy did not produce very much more information than that already divulged through recent events, and Opposition criticism amounted to nothing more than half-hearted disagreement with the Government's means, rather than its ends. Mr Churchill attempted to steal the spotlight from Mr Bevin by some blunt questions and accusations, but as both were met with firm replies they were rebuffed of their sting. To Hongkong, chief interest in the debate rested in the occasional references to the Far East which made two things clear: Britain cannot come to the rescue of the Nanking Government in any shape or form; Hongkong is to remain a British possession whatever happens in China. And there was a strong inference in Mr Bevin's carefully chosen words about Britain's attitude to the Chinese civil war that she expects and hopes to continue trade relations with whatever central authority exists in China. The 1945 Moscow Agreement, was quoted by the British Foreign Secretary as the basic reason for non-intervention in the Chinese civil war, and it is not without significance that the same agreement is now being referred to in Washington, presumably with the intention of paving the way for an announcement that the United States cannot commit herself to any additional assistance for the Nationalist Government. The conclusion to be reached is that, both Britain and America, feel that the Chiang regime has expended itself and that events within China must now have

NATIONALISTS ABANDON TONGSHAN COAL MINES

Grave N. China Loss

PEIPING PUZZLED

Peiping, Dec. 13.—Nationalist abandonment of the great Tongshan coal mining area—with mines and equipment left intact—was confirmed on Monday.

Earlier, private reports that the Government's largest remaining coal source had been left for the Communists was confirmed by an official of the Kailan Mining Administration, famed British-Chinese concern which owns the mines.

The official, reached by telephone in Tientsin, said points abandoned besides Tongshan, 65 miles Northwest of Tientsin, include the colliery town of Kuyeh, 15 miles farther Northeast.

The earlier reports had been that nothing had been destroyed in the Tongshan area on special orders of the Government's North China Commander, General Fu Tsao-yi. More than 1,000,000 tons of mined coal was reported stockpiled there.

Abandonment of Tongshan, which General Fu's Headquarters refused to admit, strengthened the almost general conviction that some kind of compromise with the Reds is in the making in North China.

All quarters in Peiping were frankly puzzled over the Nationalists' withdrawal from Tongshan.

General opinion is that the people of Peiping may also suddenly find the Nationalists gone and the Communists in.

Tongshan is commonly regarded as the stepping stone to Tangku, Tientsin's seaport and only supply port available to Gen. Fu's armies. General Fu's headquarters confirmed private reports of fighting around Changping, walled town 20 miles Northeast of Peiping.

Loss of Changping would doom Nankou at the Southern end of the Nankou pass and effectively choke any possible escape of General Fu's troops in the Peiping area. Train services between Peiping and Nankou has been suspended.

General Fu's headquarters also claimed that 2,000 Reds were killed and wounded on Saturday in fighting around Kalgan. It said the Nationalists were mopping up the mines for their livelihood exceed 60,000 employees and labourers.—Reuter.

FU'S DENIAL

Shanghai, Dec. 13.—General Fu Tsao-yi's Headquarters in Peiping last night denied Tientsin reports that Tongshan was evacuated early yesterday.

The Tongshan authorities instituted emergency measures early on Sunday when all traffic, excepting military, were suspended and railway cars were concentrated. Soon troops filed aboard the trains, which moved westward while Government personnel were clearly perturbed by the sudden development.

However, it is believed that Tongshan's municipality subsequently also withdrew to Lulai, midway between Tangku and Tongshan.

Meanwhile, the Kailan station, just northward of Tongshan, was in confusion as word spread that the Communists had entered Kuyeh's outskirts and were already estab-

lished in Linsi, one mile away.

The dependence of North China's cities upon the Kailan Mines cannot be over-emphasised, and their preservation during the present upheaval is dictated by numerous considerations, including China's own rehabilitation needs.

Besides, Tongshan there are pits at Machinkou, Chaokechwang, Tangchinchuang and Linsi. All the coal pits are within a ten-mile

radius. Chinese reports reaching Tientsin continue referring to the Nationalists re-deploying in preparation for expected decisive fighting in East Hopei, but with the reported abandonment of Tongshan, the so-called Peiping-Tientsin-Tongshan triangle is reduced to a narrow corridor from Peiping down to Tientsin and Tangku harbour.

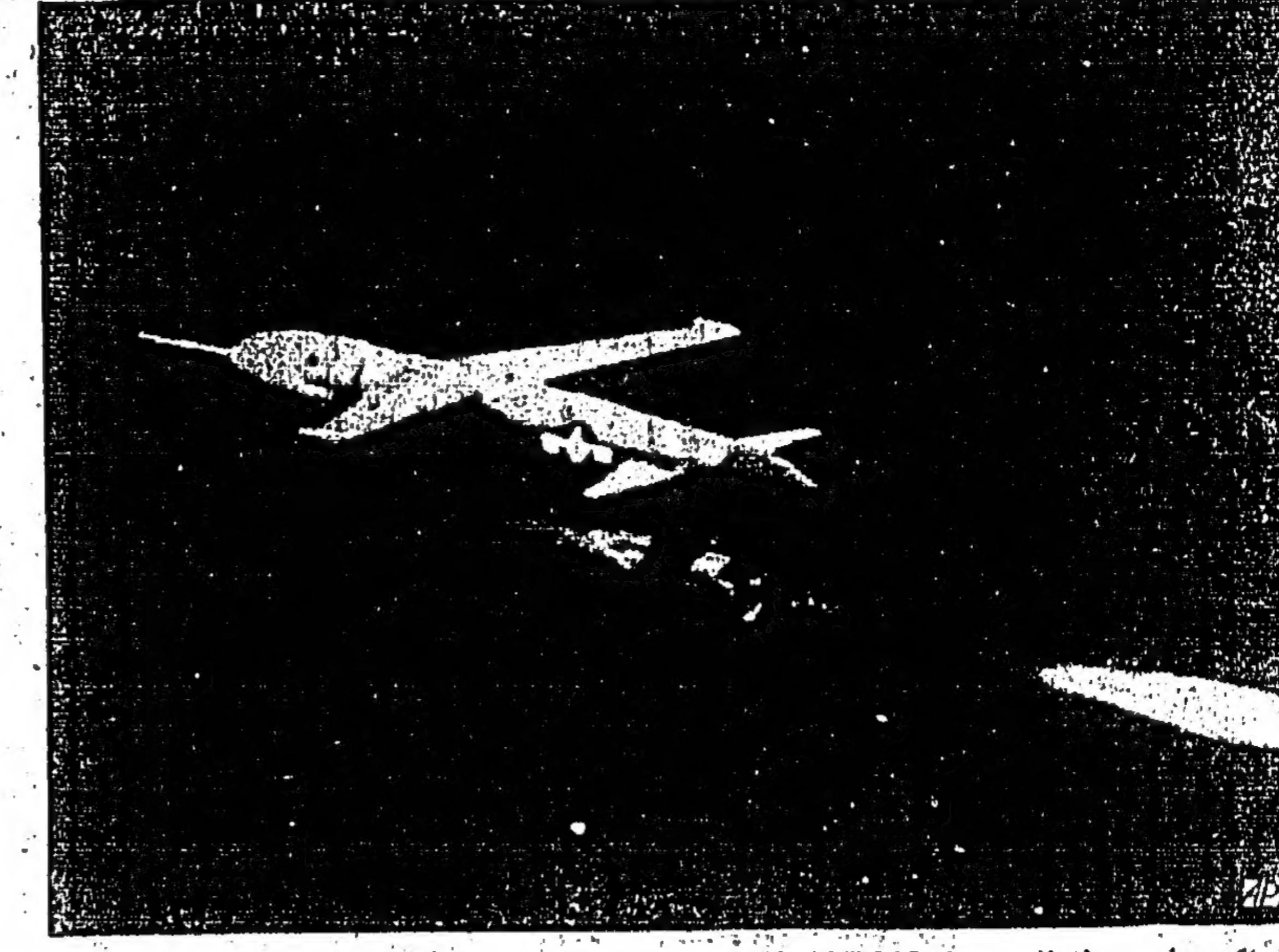
Chinese reports reaching Tientsin say the Communists have failed to accomplish to maintain official and business contacts in the big cities to discover whether the Reds desire and are capable of international dealings; and to assist, so far as it is possible, through diplomacy and commerce in bringing peace to the whole country. The task confronting the Reds is much bigger than winning a civil war; it is to bring peace, economic contentment and social justice to a country which has never experienced any of these blessings in their fullest sense.

PREPARES FOR BATTLE

Tangshan, Dec. 13.—This small, shoddy walled town 12 miles east of Peiping is preparing for battle.

Pillboxes are being built, trenches dug and guns emplaced.

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Salvation Of S'hai

CIVIC AND GOVT. LEADERS MEET

Shanghai, Dec. 13.—More than 1,000 local civic and Government leaders and representatives of various public bodies attended a mass meeting yesterday morning called by Mr Tu Yue-hsen, Chairman of the City Chamber of Industry and a City Councilor.

The gathering marked the inauguration of the "Shanghai Self-Salvation and National Salvation Association", designed to strengthen the defence of Shanghai.

Among those present were the Mayor, Mr K. C. Wu, the Garrison Commander, General Chen Tachin, as well as the visiting Nanjing-Shanghai Garrison Commander in Chief, General Tang En-po.

In his speech, Mr Tu emphasized the necessity and importance of mobilising the power of the people to enhance social security as well as urge political and social renovation.

He said most people are concerned over the development of the war situation and American aid.

MUST FULFIL DUTY

"If foreigners ask us what we are doing in the rear, what shall we answer?" he asked. "If we pass all responsibility to the hands of foreigners we are not fulfilling our duties towards our nation and towards ourselves."

He said efforts should be made to co-ordinate the power of the Government and the people and, at the same time, he added, the Government should also improve and make renewed efforts.

General Tang followed with a speech in which he said the safety of Shanghai has an important bearing not only on the whole of the China situation but on world peace at large.

General Tang said efforts to save Shanghai should integrate with those of saving China. Shanghai will be saved from Communism while the nation sinks.—Reuter.

SUN FO LEAVES

Shanghai, Dec. 13.—Premier Sun Fo left hospital with plans for a new Cabinet still secret. The Chinese press said formation of a government has been tentatively decided but will not be announced prior to approval by Chiang Kai-shek.

It was learned that Premier Sun Fo was leaving for the capital in response to a summons by Generalissimo Chiang.—Associated Press.

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Jewish-Arab Peace Talks Progress

Tel-Aviv, Dec. 12.—Israeli Government quarters in Tel-Aviv were confident tonight that a settlement was possible between the Jews and King Abdullah of Transjordan.

It was understood in these quarters that "some progress" had been made in the past few days in the Jewish-Arab peace talks. The negotiations with Transjordan were believed to be further advanced.

Transjordan and The Lebanon have already accepted the United Nations call for Palestine armistice conditions. Iraq was officially reported here to be considering likewise.

An Israeli spokesman said in Tel-Aviv tonight that the Jewish commander in the Jerusalem area, Lieutenant Colonel Moshe Dayan, had told him that the Arab commander, Lieutenant Colonel Abdullah El Tel, that any future talks should aim at an armistice and later a permanent peace.

Colonel Abdullah El Tel was reported to have replied that he was referring the matter back to the Transjordan Government.

FOURTH MEETING

This was the fourth meeting in Jerusalem of Jews and Arabs sponsored by the United Nations.

Colonel Dayan is reported to be holding a mandate from the Israel Government to make a peace settlement. Some observers here are considering the possibility that the Jews may be trying hard to reach a settlement with Transjordan and thus a wedge in the Arab League.

Nothing was known in Tel-Aviv tonight about the arrival of the United Nations Conciliation Commission appointed yesterday. The establishment of the Commission was greeted with cautious satisfaction in Israeli Government quarters here.

OPEN ROAD

Informed quarters in Tel-Aviv said tonight that the Jewish and Arab commanders in Jerusalem to whom agreed to open the road to Bethlehem, now in Arab hands. This will enable Christians to make their Christmas Eve pilgrimage to Christ's birthplace.

The road is partly controlled by the Jews and partly by the Arabs. No details of the agreement have yet been released, but it is understood the Jews have agreed that buses shall be driven from Jerusalem to Bethlehem by Christians.

Mr William Burdett, the United States Vice-Consul in Jerusalem, said today that various consultations in the Holy City were drawing lists of nationals wanting to go to Christmas services there. United Nations observers will accompany the pilgrimage as "Christians and not to carry out their duties."—Reuter.

4 DIE IN FIRE

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Four people were killed and 14 seriously injured when a fire swept through one of the upper floors of the Victoria Hotel in the Loop district here today.

The blaze was discovered this morning. The four dead were trapped in their rooms or were suffocated in a corridor before rescuers could arrive. The hotel is an old one and for the most part occupied by permanent guests with low incomes.—Reuter.

NOT A VERY GENEROUS FATHER CHRISTMAS

London, Dec. 12.—The Food Minister, Mr. John Strachey, will face Parliament tomorrow in the dismally empty-handed Father Christmas.

The country's rigorous economic recovery plans oblige him to tell the public about the seasonal comforts it will be unable to enjoy, despite temporary increases in some basic rations.

The public has the satisfaction of knowing that it has again hit the high export target set by Britain for the end of the year—150 percent of the 1938 figure. But as most of Britain's unique institution—the late-night "booths party" commercial radio station which ingeniously sidesteps the permitted hours of alcohol drinking.

The tourist industry, checked by this year's dollar harvest from "hard currency" visitors to Britain, is agonizing for some extension of drinking in London's "bright lights" quarters after midnight. It argues that merrily, if applied to the tourist, will frighten him away.—Reuter.

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WOMANSENSE

NURSES' UNIFORMS SWITCH FROM
BLACK ALPACA TO WHITE NYLON

SIXTY-FIVE years have seen many changes in nurses' uniforms. Sketched on the right is a black alpaca uniform of about 1873—complete with floor-sweeping skirt, stiff collar and flowing headdress. On the left is a crisp white uniform of 1948. Comparison of the two shows very well how the fashion for nurses' uniforms has kept pace with the advances of time and of medical knowledge.

Primary is the change away from dark dirt-catching shades. Black, dark blue and other deep tones were typical of the colours used in uniforms of the last century. White, because of its easy washability and immaculate appearance, is standard choice for all of the uniforms today.

Chosen for Durability

And the uniforms of the 1900's were usually of a wool fabric, alpaca or crepe, chosen because of its durability rather than for its cleaning ease. In addition to being hard to keep spotless, the rough fabrics made up into long-sleeved uniforms often proved irritating to the sensitive skins of the babies. Easy washability, key to the scrupulous cleanliness of the modern hospital, is the prime requisite in today's uniform fabrics. Cotton, rayon and nylon are the most-used types. And even with these smooth-finish fabrics, many hospitals are extra-careful, specifying that nurses handling babies and children wear short-sleeved or three-quarter length sleeves.

1948

Make Dish
Washing an
Easy Task

By ELEANOR ROSS

FOR some housewives holiday time is something to be dreaded, for all of its beauty, gaiety and heart-warming joy. They can't enjoy the big family feast or the happy hospitality of the tree-trimming supper or the coffee and cake guests, because of that old bugaboo, dish-washing. Well, unless there is an automatic dish washer, the job must be done. So before the holidays, right now, is the very moment to start organising as good an efficiency campaign as you can possibly work out.

First, try to stick to the rule of washing up as you go along. The dinner dishes aren't so bad on their own, but when added to the utensils used in the preparation of food, the load becomes well nigh impossible to tackle.

New Detergents

If you have not done so previously, try out some of the new detergents. The right soap or the right soapless cleaner work wonders, the latter being particularly good in hard water. It is a joy to use a powder or liquid dishwashing detergent in hard water, for there will be none of that sticky curd that clings so obstinately to glassware, and leaves such a hard-to-remove ring on dishpan or sink.

Softer water takes nicely to soap powder, flakes or beads, and, as you know, is kind to the hands. Place soap or soapless cleaner in sink or pan and then turn on the water full force to get a load of working suds.

Dishes should be properly stacked and placed in the order in which they are to be tackled. Keep silverware, china and glassware separate, if you want to get the utmost out of every piece. If there are roasters and such that could not be attended to as you went along, have them filled with hot water while at dinner, so that they get a good soaking, making it easier to loosen food particles. Tackle the pots and pans separately, too.

Faucet Spray

If you use a great deal of dinnerware, it is a good idea to have a spray attached to the sink faucet, for this will make rinsing a cinch, much easier than pouring the rinse water from a pitcher or pan.

Have a rack to hold china which is usually not necessary to dry. Silver and glasses should, of course, be dried and polished with a clean, lintless, cloth. And don't skip on dishcloths and dish rags. Holiday time is a good time to invest in some new ones, buying the best that the budget permits. They need not be of the all-linen variety, there are some excellent mixtures that do a wonderfully absorbent drying job.

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ANIMALS AND PETS

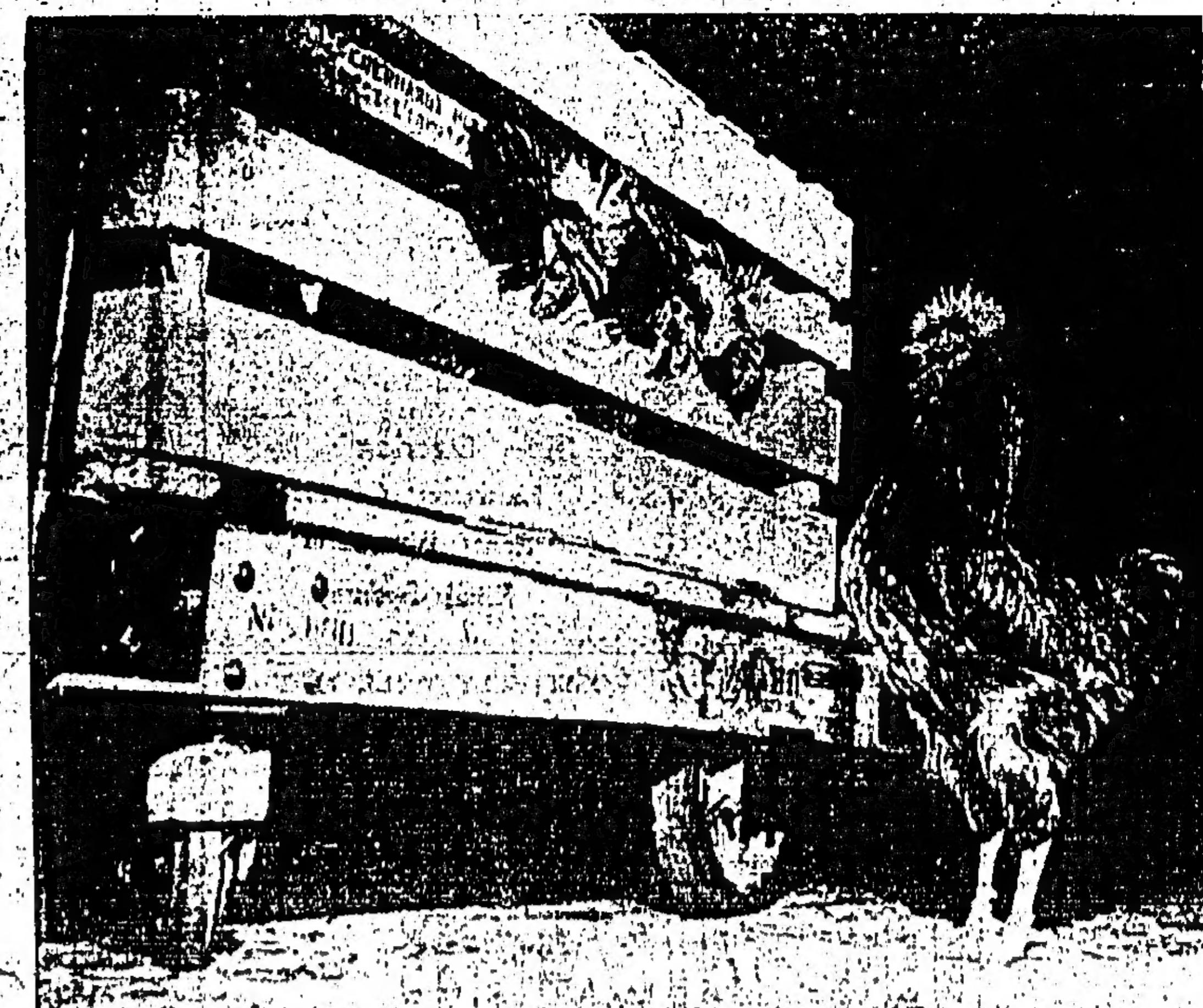
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DEBUT—Somewhat bewildered, but reassured by its mother, which keeps a close watch, a Uganda Kob, or antelope, makes its first public appearance at the Philadelphia Zoo. The baby antelope was just a week old when this picture was made. The mother crossed the seas from Uganda.



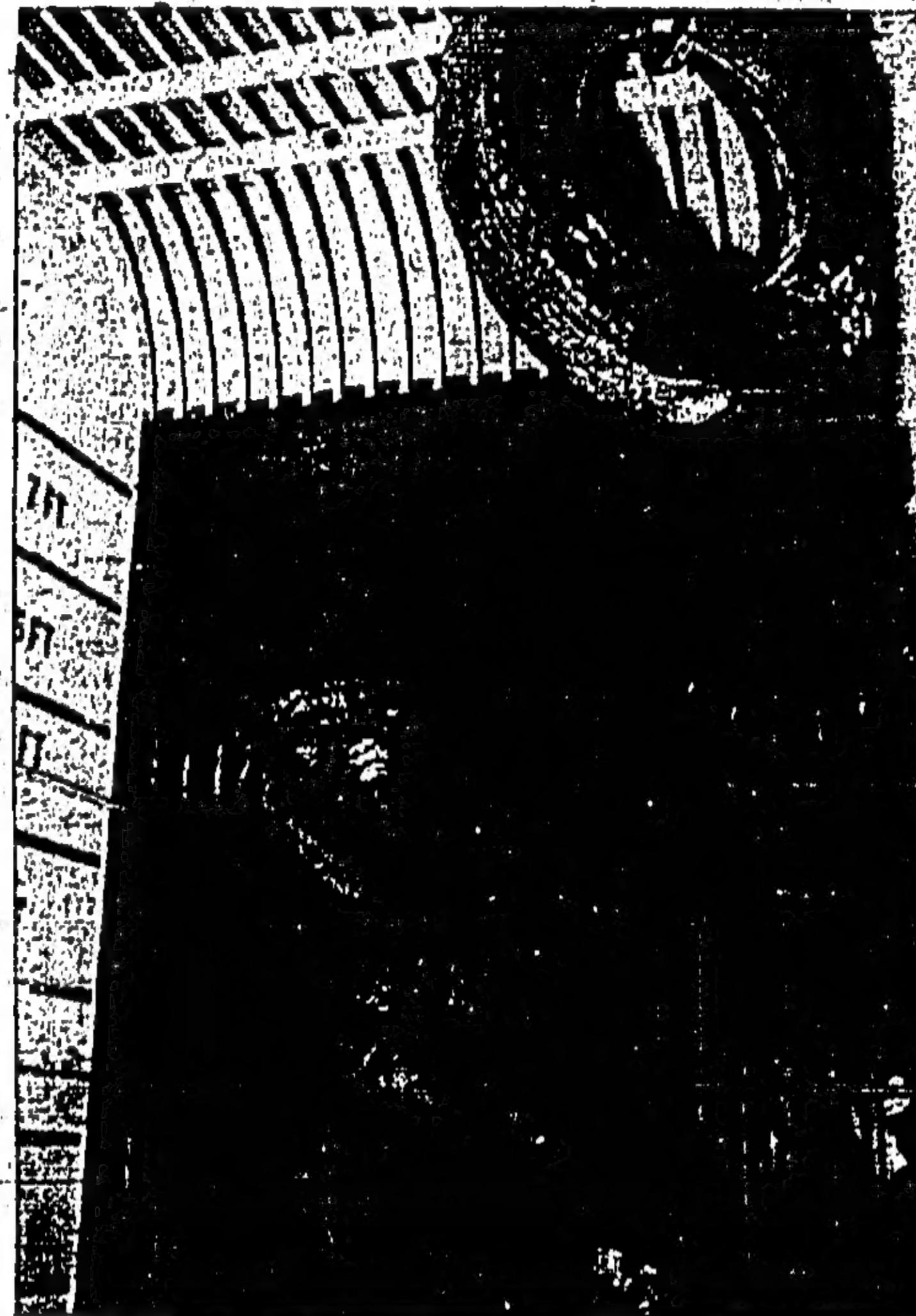
MONKEY BUSINESS—These innocent looking monkeys seem to be plotting a little trouble. Of the African Green variety, the six-month-old animals are now on public exhibition in Rochester, New York.



COCK OF THE ROCK—Mighty proud is this New Hampshire cockerel but still not too huffy to engage in a bit of conversation. A relative of the Rhode Island Red, this rooster was sold for US\$200.25 at the Illinois Poultry Improvement Association's convention.



PLAYMATES—Jill, a cross-bred West Highland terrier, and Jack, 10-month-old rooster, are the best of friends. They eat, sleep and play together, and Jack even allows Jill to wash him. They belong to a Cowfold farmer.



ONE APE TO ANOTHER—Bushman, the pride of Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago, does his daily dozen with one of the bullet-proof tyres once used on Adolf Hitler's motor car. The tyre was presented to the gorilla by Chris Janus, present owner of the car.



FUZZY HARVEST—Only a lamb could shy away from a feeding administered by pretty Gwendeth Geiger of Cheyenne, Wyoming. The fair shepherdess is helping to tend a "wool crop" that has been successful despite cold weather.



BROTHER BEAR—Brown University mascot Bruno IX can't quite figure out how any bear can be 9 feet, 4 inches tall. Gloria Green of Pembroke College, daughter of Illinois' Governor Green, made the introduction upon the arrival of this stuffed Kodiak, gift of Brown's alumni.

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THE AMERICAN SCENE**MR MAYOR HITS OUT**

NEW YORK.

A N. ex-boxer, Kid Conaday, elected mayor of Pomeroy, Ohio (pop. 3,681), found himself on the ropes a fortnight later.

He was in his office counting up the fines he has collected, when a messenger arrived from the State capital. He told the Kid he had been suspended.

The reason: complaints had been received that he had been treating those fines as if they were meant for his purse.

The Kid clenched his fists and used some un-mayoral language to describe the two Tropics in town who, he declared, had made this false complaint to embarrass him.

Then he remembered that he was no longer the Kid, but His Worship Mayor Delmar A. Conaday.

He made this official comment: "Why, this insults my dignity. And I will prove they are all liars. I will come out fighting."

FRONT-PAGE NEWS was made in every U.S. newspaper by the announcement that Yale, America's Oxford, has become the first university to appoint a Negro captain of its first eleven football team. "It's swell," said Levi Jackson, better known as "The Ebony Express." His father is a waiter in the Yale dining hall.

WITH A HOPE that the American Legion as a whole will follow suit, the Crowley, Louisiana, a post of this ex-Servicemen's organization today voted to drop the use of the term "Comrade." The reason: It is "too red."

WASHINGTON says there may soon be another F. D. R. in the American Government. President Truman is thinking of making Roosevelt's son Secretary of the Navy. And that is the department in which F. D. R. senior began.

AFTER TRYING to keep out of Britain's steel nationalisation argument, the American Press gave up. The New York Herald-Tribune, after printing four columns of last week's Commons debate, had this to say:

"If Sir Stafford's goal is production, he would be well advised to leave well enough alone. If he is engaged in a bit of political apprenticeship of the Left-wing of his own party, it is a very dangerous game he is playing."

A NEW Washington survey says that the average American factory worker now turns out twice as much an hour as the average British worker.

MAN-MADE RAIN cannot be guaranteed yet. America's air force has been experimenting for nine months with a scientist's theory that dry ice sprinkled on clouds will cause rain. Today it gave up. It just had not produced enough rain.

ALL THE BIG 16-inch coastal guns guarding America's Eastern shore are to be scrapped. That is not a disarmament move. It is just that nowadays planes could do a better job.

JAMES
CAMERON

more than a droning noise in the Palais de Chaillot.

Now, how much more I don't know, but wherever I go here

I can see for myself the uniforms with the blue and white UNO armbands—the true observers, the men

with what is probably at this

moment the most ironic job in his

side.

They cannot help the despairing

half million hunched under their

tent poles and cedar trees, they have

no rice and no milk.

What have they got? I don't

know. What have I got?—for, after

all, I suppose I helped to send them here.

That I don't know either.

If relief is to come it must come at once. Very soon—in almost a matter of days they tell me—it will be too late to help for this winter.

Meanwhile, intolerance moves in

and the columns of refugees move

out, as it has happened before, from

Germany, from India, from Pakistan,

from Poland—and, indeed, if I re-

member, from Egypt, when Moses

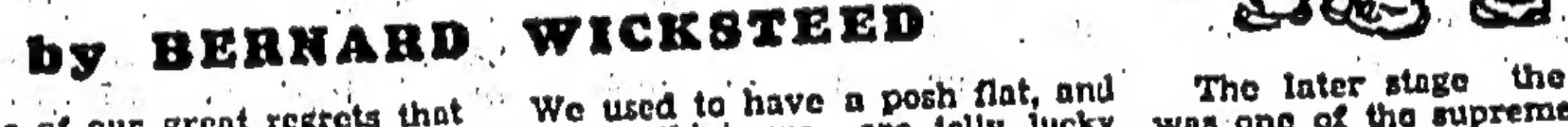
led the way.

RELIEF SOON OR

THE Jews, with their own sorrowful tradition of exile and persecution, show a new face in victory, a strange, relentless, Old Testament face that looks rigidly at a suffering it has so often seen itself.

Israel, which has known 20 centuries of oppression, would make an awesome decision to commemorate his triumph in the death of babies.

All over Beirut I am reminded that the United Nations is something

**Who says it's not the time
to have a family?**

by BERNARD WICKSTEED

The later stage the Stone Age was one of the supreme eras in the story of the human race. The very difficulties of existence were so great that man rose above himself to overcome them and so became the master of his destiny.

You can't ditch a heritage like that just because you have to stand in a queue or fill in form for everything.

(Pardon me a moment while I go up and take my elder son. He'll come clean through the ceiling in a minute.)

THAT'S DIFFERENT!

I KNOW a girl of 19 who got married the other day and the night before the wedding her mother told her the 1948 facts of life, i.e., that she ought to wait before having a baby.

"And how old were you when I was born?" asked the girl.

"Oh, well, that was different," said the mother. "I was only 19 myself, but everything was so much easier then."

"Such as what?" persisted the girl.

"Well," said the mother, thinking hard, "you could choose your own doctor."

The heartening thing is that more people seem to believe as I do than as that girl's mother does.

I DON'T know if the circles we listened to them as long as we did. The peace followed. Surely if ever there was a right time to have a baby it was then. But no. Would you believe it? The world was too unsettled. We'd better wait.

First it was the wicked Socialists who were going to make the country unit for middle-class infants. Then it was the less discriminatory bomb at Bikini. Now it's the Russians in Berlin. They've got an absolute godsend, the Russians, to the "Don't-have-a-good-baby-now" school of thought—as good as Napoleon was 150 years ago.

STAKE IN FUTURE

GOODNESS knows what bogey there will be next year. Men from Mars, perhaps, or measles.

The cynics can be very plausible in their arguments, particularly when it comes to the financial side.

They point out how much cheaper and easier things were for our parents and grandparents.

It may be true. But it doesn't mean that by waiting you will ever get those times back. If you listen to that line of argument you may go on waiting so long that one day you'll find it is too late.

That's how my wife and I reason, anyway. We have more money than before the war, but the things we get for it are far fewer. But then, so they are for everybody.

By Ernie Bushmiller

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SATURDAY'S LEAGUE CRICKET:

By "RECODER"

RECREIO NOW STANDS ALONE AT THE TOP OF THE TABLE

Club de Recreio now stands alone at the top of the First Division Cricket League table. The Army, who have been sharing top spot with them from the start of the season, played out time to a very unspectacular draw against the RAF at Sookunpoo on Saturday and were lucky enough not to lose.

All four other games were played to a decision, the Optimists, Scorpions, University and Recreio notching up another four points apiece.

Recreio, who opened their batting with the tail, had an easy enough victory by five wickets against the Royal Navy at King's Park. There was no outstanding performance by any member of the Navy team.

Their batting was even below the standard of last week's 42 against the University, the whole side being dismissed for 27, the lowest score for the season in a League match.

Recreio's tail did not stand up too well against the bowling of Corporal Hart who followed up his effort of 6 for 10 against University last week with 5 for 31 against Navy's King's Park neighbours.

Gerry Gosano made a comfortable 54 not out and established himself as the most consistent knocker-up half centuries in the League.

ARMY COLLAPSE

Army collapsed in both its bowling and its batting against RAF at Sookunpoo and the Airmen re-intimated the League in general that they are still a powerful batting side despite their remarkable collapse for 60 against the KCC the week before. It was their bowling that collapsed against Army, Graham alone, as last week, rising from the occasion.

The Army batting, still strong on paper, proved still weak at the wicket. The Airmen, on the other hand, hit out at both Stepto and Banton and the absence of Jones in the Army bowling was sorely felt.

Army's 65 for 7 when stumps were drawn, in reply to the RAF's 131 for six declared was, to say the least, a miserable performance.

It is surprising that a decision was reached to combine RAF with Royal Navy in the Triangular Tournament which starts this week with the Club.

The Airmen are very definitely a team on a par with the Army, if not better despite comparatively showings in the League.

KCC SLUMP

How a strong KCC batting side could be all out for 111 runs against the Optimists' comparatively indifferent bowling remains a mystery. Three good wickets fell to the bowling of McLellan. However, the fact of seven catches may help explain.

The only reassuring point about the KCC batting was another comfortable 45 for E. C. Fincher.

The KCC bowling dismissed seven good Optimists' bats for 115 runs and could have had the side out for 130. If only the KCC batting had been a little more dependable, there would have been a different story to tell.

The Optimists, with six men in the side capable of reaching 50, had to be content with only M. M. Little, finding his form finally, carrying his bat for 60 after opening the innings.

OTHER MATCHES

Craigengower, at home to the Scorpions at Happy Valley, collapsed once more. Only the CCC's new Captain, G. A. Souza, stood up to the Scorpions' attack, scoring 20 out of the total of 52.

A feature of the game was the performance of T. A. Pearce in taking six wickets for eight runs. The Scorpions, whose very indifferent bowling has been the subject of comment in this column before, can now point to the fact that J. D. Clague and Pearce actually head the bowling averages.

University proved for the third

WHAT ARE THE AIMS OF THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS?

Newspaperman's Review

(John Roderick, who recently completed three years of reporting in China, gives his views here of the Chinese war. Roderick spent six months in caves at the Chinese Communist capital at Yenan. He is now in the Middle East on a new assignment.)

By JOHN RODERICK

Beirut, Dec. 12.—Who are the Chinese Communists? What is their aim? Who are their leaders? Are they tied closely to Russia?

Though they control an area nearly as large as Europe, little is known of them.

This writer went to Yenan in November, 1945, and spent a total of six months there just before Yenan fell. Yenan is a cave city set in the Loess hills of northwest China, remote from civilization.

Yet from this town, the leaders of Chinese Communists directed political and military operations extending far northeast as Manchuria, 1,000 miles away, and as far south as Canton and Hongkong.

The brain behind this large design was the political bureau of the Party's Central Committee, headed by Chairman Mao Tse-tung. It made its orders known by radio, by courier and by indoctrination.

DIGNITY AND SOFTNESS

I first met Mao at the airfield the Communist built to accommodate American planes during the war against Japan. He is a big man, combining dignity with a curious softness. His massive head, set on sloping shoulders, is topped by a mass of straight black hair. His face is waxlike in its whiteness. He rarely smiles. His ordinary dress is simple, often the patched jacket and trousers of the Shensi peasant. He easily is the dominant personality in the company of extraordinary individuals.

During the weeks which followed, I talked often with Mao and other Communist leaders. They affirmed and re-affirmed that their chief goal was participation in a coalition Government for all China.

This appears to be their aim today, except that the Communists formerly were willing to share power with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and the Nationalist Kuomintang party he heads. Now they are intent upon destroying both. Their avowed object now is to rule with what they call "other liberal parties" as partners.

In internal policies, the Chinese Communists say they are independent of Russia and have broken with Moscow over the line to follow.

BREAK WITH STALIN

Mao first broke with Prime Minister Stalin in the early 1930s. Mao refused to base his revolution on workers, and turned instead to peasants. Though he put many farm reforms into practice, the programme is without question imbued with the Communist doctrine of Stalin and Lenin.

The party's avowed intent, however, is to reach Communism by gradual stages, passing first through phases of capitalism to develop the nation's resources and then to cooperative ownership and finally into full socialism.

Though the party may follow an independent line nationally, its foreign outlook is almost identical with Russia's.

When Russia opposes the United States and Britain, it does also. If Moscow suddenly launches a peace offensive, the hostile propaganda of the Chinese Communists falls off and is replaced with conciliatory gestures.

ANTI-AMERICAN

American and to the Nationalists has intensified opposition to the United States. Moscow is kept fully informed of the Chinese Communist moves.

Militarily, however, there is little known evidence that the Soviets have contributed very heavily to the Chinese Communists, except for a quantity of Japanese arms which the Russians left behind when they quit Manchuria. This is not to say that, should future needs arise, the Soviets would hesitate to come to their assistance.

Should the Communists take over the government, there is a prospect for a period of co-operation with the Western Democracies as well as with Russia.

This might approximate the recent history of Albania, which first welcomed American representatives and treated them with courtesy. The hard fact of Albania's government was that Russia stepped in and Albania, backed by her mighty patron, got tough.

Whether the Chinese Communists would follow such a line is a question to which Washington and other anti-Communist capitals would like the answer. They don't know. Associated Press.

Purchase Of Airways Co.

AOA Absorbed By Pan-American

New York, Dec. 12.—The Pan-American World Airways today concluded an agreement to purchase the American Overseas Airways effective December 31.

American Overseas has been in direct competition with Pan-American on flights between Europe and the United States. Pan-American will acquire the Trans-Atlantic airline in return for Pan-American stock. The AOA will distribute these stocks to its stockholders and will then be dissolved.

A joint announcement issued by Pan-American and American Overseas made it clear that the purchase is subject to approval by the Civil Aeronautics Board and stockholders of the two companies. It was announced that the amount of stock that Pan American will give to the AOA will be determined by independent auditors on the basis of AOA assets and liabilities as of December 31.—United Press.

NEHRU TO VISIT HYDERABAD

New Delhi, Dec. 12.—Pandit Nehru will pay his first visit as Prime Minister of India to Hyderabad State on Christmas Eve, it was learned today.

He will stay there two days and will meet the Nizam. Pandit Nehru will also address a public meeting and broadcast from Hyderabad, according to New Delhi Radio. Reuter.

Czechs Acquitted

Prague, Dec. 12.—Sixteen of 43 people on trial here for activities against the State have been acquitted, the others being sentenced to terms of imprisonment ranging from two years to hard labour for life. It was disclosed here today.

Most of the accused were said to have harboured or failed to expose "terrorists" sent into the country by "treacherous exiles" now in Germany.—Reuter.

Another Soviet Warning

Berlin, Dec. 12.—The Russians on Saturday issued their second warning in little more than a month that they would force down any aircraft improperly marked or engaged in "disorderly" flights over the Soviet zone.

Lt. General G. S. Lutjenschenko, Soviet Chief of Staff in Germany, sent the new warning to Brig.-General Charles K. Galley, the American Chief of Staff. General Lukjantchenko indicated he was not happy about the way the first complaint was received.

In answer to the original complaint the Americans and British said that all their transports are properly marked and their pilots operate under orders to stay in the corridor.—Associated Press.

Mexicans—A Nation Of Dwarfs 50 Years Hence

Mexico City, Dec. 12.—Mexico will be a nation of dwarfs within half a century, Dr Francisco de P. Miranda, Mexican nutrition specialist fears. The doctor said the nation must increase its protein intake or be content with growing down.

The nation's diet as a whole is definitely sub-standard, Dr Miranda said. Mexicans currently are eating worse than ever the warlike nations of Europe, he added.

The Mexican diet figures out to 1,657 calories a day, Dr Miranda said, while the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation estimates that a diet of an little as 2,400 calories a day is close to the danger point.

THREE DEFICIENCIES

The three principal diet deficiencies of the Mexican people are lack of protein, riboflavin and nicotinic acid.

Lack of protein restricts growth, lack of riboflavin lowers the growth factor even further and lack of nicotinic acid makes the average Mexican susceptible to pellagra, a skin eruption with severe constitutional and nervous symptoms, the doctor explained.

He pointed out that "in its depths, the problem is economic."

The average Mexican farmer, if he has a cow or chickens, must sell his milk and eggs to live. If he has corn or wheat fields, he has to market the grains.

The doctor said that the main item on the Mexican daily menu is corn, consumed in the form of tortillas, a thin, flat, unleavened corn bread baked on a hot stone or piece of sheet metal. And there is less than half a pound, 216 grams, of that.

TWO OUNCES A WEEK

Then Dr Miranda said, comes about half a glass of milk, followed by 89 grams of wheat flour, 47 grams of sugar, 22 grams of beans and 11 grams of beef. The beef, for example, the doctor said, adds up to one small, 2-plus ounce steak per week.

The average Mexican consumes about half as many calories as a person in the United States.

Dr Miranda said because of diet deficiencies, Mexicans are always cold.

The former wears his "gawan," or blanket with a hole in the middle, and the big city labourer wears his overcoat or jacket even on sunny days because they are undernourished.

Also, he said, the high general mortality rate, the high infant mortality rate and deaths even from diseases that are not considered mortal are indications of the poor nutritive state of a large sector of the population.

"Without raising our food levels, we will be a little people in 50 years more," he concluded.—United Press.

Summoned Before The Diet

Tokyo, Dec. 12.—The Prime Minister, Mr. Yoshida, was summoned today before the Diet Investigation Committee here following charges by a Social Democrat, Mr. Shizuo Kato, that he had accepted a 1,000,000 yen bribe in what is known as the Commerce and Industry Ministry textile scandal.

Mr. Yoshida acknowledged receipt of the money, which was used as party funds. He (Mr. Yoshida) is expected to be summoned before the Committee again tomorrow.—Reuter.

GUERRILLAS FLEE

Saigon, Dec. 12.—French air and land units were tonight pursuing the remnants of a Vietnamese (Indochinese) autonomy movement guerrilla force which, with naval aid, they had driven from a stronghold in the Gocong Delta, 10 miles from here.

The military authorities tonight confirmed that orders would be given to local commanders to observe Christmas truces.—Reuter.

Wounded In Hold-Up



Wife Becomes A Sleuth

Milwaukee, Dec. 12.—The judge complimented Mrs. Mary Radmer on her sleuthing after awarding her a divorce.

Mrs. Radmer told how she took a ride with her husband, Edward, 51, and his woman friend, unbeknown to them. After several stops at eating and drinking places, Radmer parked his car.

The ensuing conversation went like this:

"Did you love your wife?"
"At first I did."
"Did she love you?"
"At first she did."
"What happened?"

"I don't know. You'll have to ask her."

At this point Mrs. Radmer popped up from the rear floor.

"I'm right here," she said. "I can tell you."—United Press.

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